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SUMMARY: WE RECOMMEND THAT US-ORIGIN CCMS COMMUNICATIONS AND CONSULTATION PROCEDURES BE CENTRALIZED WITH PRIMARY CHANNEL THROUGH NATO BRUSSELS, A STEP WHICH, IN OUR VIEW, WOULD SERVE US GOALS WHILE YIELDING IMPROVED CCMS PROCEDURES.

L. FRENCH HEALTH OFFICIALS URGE THAT NATO SECRETARIAT BECOME THE NORMAL CHANNEL FOR ALL COMMUNICATIONS ON CCMS ADVANCED HEALTH CARE PROJECTS, AS REPORTED REFTEL. FONOFF CCMS OFFICER STUYCK-TAILLANDIER HAS SUBSEQUENTLY EXPRESSED VIEW TO SCIATTS THAT MULTI-DISCIPLINED CCMS MAY WELL HAVE OUTGROWN CAPABILITIES OF PRESENT COMMUNICATIONS PROCEDURES. HIS SERIOUS RESERVATION ON THE CURRENT CCMS COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM IS DUE TO ITS REPEATED BYPASSING OF WHAT HE CONSIDERS PROPER CHANNELS, WITH THE TOO-FREQUENT RESULT THAT NOT ALL CONCERNED GOF OFFICIALS ARE INFORMED OR CONSULTED. HE CONCLUDES THAT CHANNELING CCMS COMMUNICATIONS VIA BRUSSELS IS THE "PATH WHICH WOULD ASSURE THAT ALL NECESSARY GOF OFFICIALS ARE RAPIDLY AND CONSTANTLY INFORMED." STUYCK-TAILLANDIER PRAISES CCMS FOR ITS RECENT GOOD, WELL-DEFINED PROJECTS, IN WHICH FRENCH HAVE HIGH INTEREST, BUT STRESSES THAT CCMS'S CURRENT COMMUNICATIONS PROCEDURES, ALONG WITH ITS TENDENCY TOWARD PROLIFERATION OF PROJECTS, MUST BE ALTERED.

2. ADVANTAGES BOTH FOR US POLICY AND FOR CCMS COULD WELL OBTAIN FROM INCREASING CENTRALIZATION OF CCMS COMMUNICATIONS VIA THE NATO SECRETARIAT:

1) EMPHASIZING THE NATO CHARACTER OF, WHILE LOWERING THE US PROFILE IN CCMS BY MAKING NATO BRUSSELS FOCAL POINT FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND CONSULTATIONS. (CURRENTLY, HIGHLY-VISIBLE US EMBASSIES OFTEN SERVE AS CCMS COMMUNICATIONS CHANNELS, EVEN ON PROJECTS PILOTED BY OTHER NATIONS).

2) EXPANDED AWARENESS OF NATO CCMS ACTIVITIES AMONG HIGHER LEVELS, NOT JUST WORKING LEVELS, OF ALLIED GOVERNMENTS, GENERATED THROUGH

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3) A PROCEDURE ALLOWING TRUE MULTILATERAL CONSULTATIONS FOR CCMS PREPARATIONS, LEADING TO IMPROVED OPERATIONS, OPTIMAL SCHEDULING, ETC.

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3. WE RECOMMEND THAT DEPARTMENT CONSIDER, IN CONSULTATION WITH USNATO AND OTHER CCMS POSTS, CHANNELLING THROUGH BRUSSELS FUTURE US-ORIGIN CCMS MESSAGES AND CONSULTATIONS WHICH EITHER A) ARE FOR GENERAL DISTRIBUTION AMONG ALLIES, OR B) CONCERN ACTIVITIES RELATING TO HOST-GOVERNMENT POLICIES OR REQUIRING ANY HOST-GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES. AS PART OF THIS PROPOSAL, EMBASSIES WOULD OF COURSE CONTINUE THEIR TRADITIONAL SUPPORT ROLES:

- 1) PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO US CCMS OFFICIALS MEETING WITH HOST-GOVERNMENT COUNTERPARTS,
- 2) IN SUPPLEMENT TO BRUSSELS ACTIONS, INTERVENING, AS NECESSARY WITH POLITICAL LEVELS OF HOST GOVERNMENT, IN SUPPORT OF FUNDAMENTAL US OBJECTIVES FOR CCMS.

EMBASSIES SHOULD THUS CONTINUE TO RECEIVE INFORMATION COPIES OF ABOVE CCMS CORRESPONDENCE. IN THE CASE OF NATO MEMBERS WHOSE COMMUNICATIONS WITH BRUSSELS MIGHT PROVE INADEQUATE FOR CCMS COMMUNICATIONS, EXCEPTIONS TO THIS OUTLINE, IN THE FORM OF FOLLOW-UPS AND SUPPLEMENTAL ACTIONS BY US EMBASSIES IN THOSE COUNTRIES, SHOULD BE CONSIDERED.

4. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT CCMS PROJECTS HAVE MERIT AND THAT FOREGOING WOULD IMPROVE CCMS PROCEDURES WHILE INCREASING NATO-CCMS CO-IDENTIFICATION, AND WE INVITE COMMENTS OF ADDRESSEES IN OTHER NATO CAPITOLS.
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